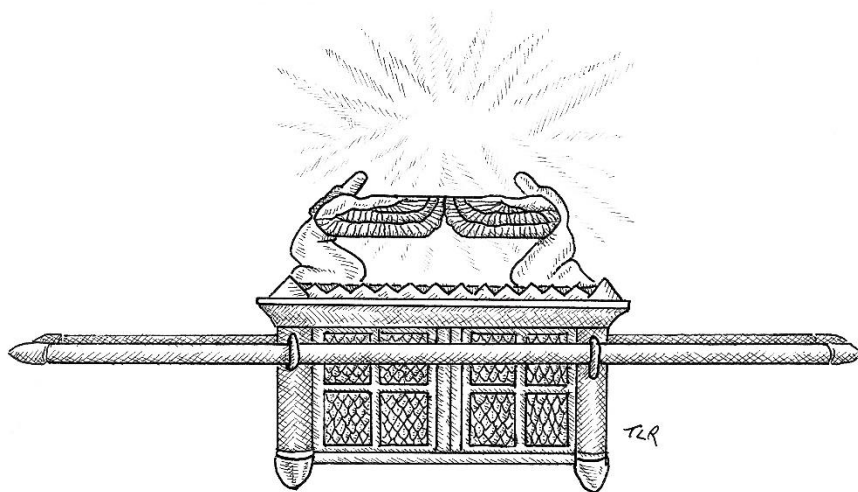


“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Studies in the EE Method of Personal Evangelism

This Week:

*Further reflections upon sharing the
Character & Nature of God*



*“By those who come near Me / will be treated as holy,
and before all the people / will be honored.”*

—Leviticus 10:3 (NASB95)

*Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
June 30th, AD 2024*

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord* 2024

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History, looking at historic debates over the nature of God.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Glory be the Father"* (#559).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"* (#553).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: **Leviticus 10:1-11**

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* (#548).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"The Star Spangled Banner"* (#549).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES"* (Pt. V: On God).

Closing Hymn:* *"God is so Good"* (#433; vv. 1, 4).

Benediction.*



Week of June 23 – June 29

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I3;

Midweek—4; Offering—\$443.⁰⁰;

"Privileged Obligation" Video—Total: 63 views

NO MIDWEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY this week.

The *Evangelism Explosion* method of sharing the Gospel: This Week's Focus: *"It's about GOD!"*

Recap of our prior focus:

1) Salvation is a matter of **GRACE**; Heaven is undeserved and cannot be earned or merited (Eph. 2:8-9) by anybody.

(Recall the *Hitchhiker's Thumb* in the "Gospel Hand"—a FREE RIDE!)

2) **WHY? Because all men are SINNERS!** (Rm.3:10,23; Isa.53:6, 64:6). Sin is anything that we think, say, or do that fails to conform to the standard of Divine perfection (Mtt.5:48).

(Recall the "pointer," the accusing *Index Finger* in the "Gospel Hand!")

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: "IT'S ABOUT GOD!"

In our "Gospel Hand" memory-aid, the tall, prominent central MIDDLE FINGER reminds us of GOD.



[DO NOT leave GOD's nature out of the equation, as some evangelistic strategies do! God spent CENTURIES schooling the Hebrew People in His nature & ways, prior to the Savior's advent!]

Two key ideas must be conveyed: **GOD** is both **HOLY** & **LOVING**.

The lost often have no problem embracing the latter concept, seeing themselves as "loveable"—but recoil at the former idea!

I. God is HOLY and JUST. HOLINESS is the supreme attribute of God—alone given triple emphasis of Isa. 6:3 & Rev. 4:8: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts..."

a. As a Holy God, He MUST therefore punish ALL sin (Ezek. 18:20, Rom. 6:23a, Ex. 34:7b, Ps. 89:31-32).

b. God's mercy & love does not mitigate this. A genuinely good God, acting as the responsible Moral Governor of the entire universe, will not allow it to collapse into Moral Chaos (Gen. 18:25)!

c. The **BIBLE** (our source of AUTHORITY!) reveals that *all* sin is ultimately an attack upon an infinitely Holy God (Ps. 51:4), and thus justly requires **eternal punishment** in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 14:9-11, 20:11-15). **JESUS** frequently & forcefully taught on the reality of Hell (Matt. 23:33, 25:41; Luke 12:4-5)!!!

d. The WRATH of GOD is precisely what we need to be saved **FROM!** (Matt. 3:7, Rom 5:9, 1Thess. 1:10, Heb. 10:31, Rev. 6:15-17).

2. *However*, God is also LOVING & MERCIFUL, and therefore desires men to be SAVED (John 3:16, 1 John 4:8b, Ezek. 18:23).

>>This dilemma is solved in our next point: **JESUS CHRIST**<<



Once again our friends at **CEF** will be helping with our **VBS** this year, which will be held **July 8-to-12**, from **12:30-to-2:00 PM**. Our theme, "**ONE WAY!**" is for children from pre-K through elementary.

PRAY for the **Conservative Grace Brethren National Conference** that is still meeting this week in Grand Rapids, MI (6/26-7/3), with **Pastor Larry "Red" Williams** serving as Conference President this year. This small but faithful band of fundamental stalwarts is worthy of your prayerful intercession, in that it continues to uncompromisingly stand upon the doctrines and practices of the original Grace Brethren Church (and its founding pillars such as Dr. Alva J. McClain, Louis Bauman, J.C. Beal, and Dr. Herman Hoyt)—and thus represents its



historic and authentic continuity in a world of doctrinal confusion and pragmatic compromise. Some Conference activities remaining for this week include the following:

- Bible Hour with Pastor Jordan Bradley (Sun. morning).
- Myanmar Missions presentation (Sunday, 11AM-12PM).
- Conference Banquet (Sun. Lunch) & evening "Hootenanny."
- Bible Hour with Pastor Scott Libby (Monday) of Irasburg, VT.
- Full Conference Business Meeting (Monday, 11 AM).
- Bible Hour with President Larry Williams (Tues. morning).
- Children's Conference presentation (Tues. morning).
- India Missions presentation (Tues., 11 AM).
- Lay-Men & Women's Meetings (Tues. afternoon).
- College of Pastor's (COP) Meeting (Tues. afternoon).
- Bible Hour with Conference Vice President, Pastor Peter Peer, introducing next year's theme (Tues., 7 PM).
- Worship Hour, Wed., 9 AM.
- Installation of new officers, Wed. morning.
- Executive Panel Meeting (Wed., after lunch).
- Various "free time" activities (baseball game, ice cream social, zoo outing, *Sight-and-Sound* movie, fellowship times, golf outing, Gerald Ford Museum, botanical gardens outing).